

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 34, "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE" section, replace this section with:

A sampling apparatus which makes ready collection of a minute sample for making a microscopic analysis possible, and which comprises of a minute sample includes a frame {1} fixed at a prescribed position relative to the an object lens of an optical microscope {M}; a moving member {15} supported with the fixed frame {1} so as to be reciprocatably movable between a sampling position and a waiting position; a member {17} for holding the moving member {15} at the waiting position; and a device {11e, 21, 22} for adjusting the position of a sampling needle {23} relative to the moving member {15} so that whereby the tip of the sampling needle {23} is situated at the a focus position of the object lens of the optical microscope {M} in the state wherein when the moving member {15} was is moved to the sampling position. and means {24} for fixing the The sampling needle {23} to the moving member {15} in the state wherein the position of the sampling needle {23} is adjustable relative to the moving member {15} was adjusted.